

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please replace the paragraph starting on line 19 of page 21 with the following paragraph.**

In an especially preferred embodiment of this aspect of the present invention the protein lacking a cysteine residue which is responsible for dimer formation contains a consensus sequence according to the following sequence

$CC(Y)_{25-29}CYYC(Y)_{25-35}XC(Y)_{27-34}CYC$  (Formula I) [SEQ ID NO:3],

wherein C denotes cysteine, Y denotes any amino acid including cysteine and X denotes any amino acid except cysteine.

More preferably the protein lacking a cysteine residue which is responsible for dimer formation according to this aspect of the invention contains a consensus sequence according to the following sequence

$C(Y)_{28}CYYC(Y)_{30-32}XC(Y)_{31}CYC$  (Formula II) [SEQ ID NO:4],

wherein C, X and Y have the same meaning as defined above.

Even more preferably the protein lacking a cysteine residue which is responsible for dimer formation according to this aspect of the invention contains a consensus sequence according to the following sequence

$C(X)_{28}CXXC(X)_{31-33}C(X)_{31}CXC$  (Formula III) [SEQ ID NO:5],

wherein C and X have the same meaning as defined above.